# THE PAUPER PARK LANE

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In a gay, glaring cafe in a reckless, extravagent to you. I know nothing about Servia, and besides—"

"Well?"

"The mystery about old Sam Statham always heart to find the curious story, and when he had always heart to see the service of the servi always haunts me. I don't somehow like too gloomy to suit his rather simple bachished, tossed off his little glass of "alworitza," lit a fresh cigarette, and rose to go, he said: "There that man."

You only met him once, and he was most probably be going about London by the scene in another city, you know. To-morrow I will show you the sceret agent's report, to convince you that what I have said is the actual truth."

And thus the history of "The Pause of Pease."

"I know I know" she said "Have you he went up with friends for the shooting."

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### CHAPTER I.

Introduces a Man and a Mystery. "There's some mystery about that girl-I'm certain of it."

What makes you suspect that?" "Well, first, she's evidently a lady-the daughter of a man who has come down in the world, most probably; and, second-

man who was here yesterday and bought a twenty-guinea evening gown of her to send to his sister—eh?" exclaimed Mr. Warner. "buyer" of the costume department of the great drapery house of Cunnington's, in Oxford street, that huge the premier place of the middle-class auspices

"Yes," laughed Miss Thomas, the rather quite make her out, although she's been here for over a year now."

ing by the hundred in long rows, while ranged round the walls were many exing the mansion," she said, looking him Michael Petrovitch for quite a number of veners. pensive evening dresses exhibited in glass cases. It was afternoon, and the place was full of customers, the assistants, in the face.

"That's true. But it doesn't prove anything, does it?" he asked. And Marion saw that he was nervous and agitated, for him, well known throughout the Balskirts to their sides to try the effect, or conducting the prospective purchaser to the fitting-rooms. And yet they were not what Mr. Warner termed "husy" as we that he was nervous and agitated, quite unlike his usual self. Perhaps, however, it was on account of her apprehensions, she thought.

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that was charming. Many a stage girl served, and eye upon her. whose photograph was displayed in the

ways lenient. Unlike some "buyers," he gone to the continent."
was never hard, and never bullied them. "Yes, I know," he an He believed that by treating them with ly: "but—well, it makes me feel as if I without some hesitation," declared his dents, is often very depressing. Traffic sha'n't come back. Den't come, will friend. "I want to speak to you about there is none save a stray hansom or a man should show toward a we man he you? obtained the best of their business abilities, as no doubt he did. "Warner of the should not come struck her as distinctly Costumes" was known through the whole curious. 'house" as one of the most considerate

fice, greeted the buyer, saying:
"Mr. Warner, I'm real

Warner, I'm sorry to worry you, ered. but may I speak to my sister for a moment on some important family business?

I won't keep her but a few moments, for And he pointed to a pair of somewhat

ner," responded the young man "and across to Mr. Warner, strode out of the straight and tell you?"

I'd like to thank you for many little shop. dindnesses you've shown to Marion." excellent business woman—one of the best does go to Charing Cross, she's sure to is he net?"

I have, I may tell you. But look! She's suspect something!"

watched the young man crossing the de-Marion, surprised when her brother

stood before her, immediately asked whether he had received Mr. Warner's

ply in rather an excited manner, "I just ran up to tell you that I have to go abroad suddenly to-night, me at 1 o'clock that I must go, and I've once betrayed him to be a foreigner.

been buying some things necessary." "To Servia!" exclaimed the girl, amazdevoted, was to go so far from her.

urged the girl, looking up into her broth- to Servian tobacco. safe country.

Servia is as safe as the Strand nowadays. taking his ease and gossiping with his Bland, our chief clerk, was out there a friend, was, without doubt, a handsome year, and he's been telling me how delightful the people are. Servia is entirely men, with lithe, clean-cut limbs, smart

he replied. "But don't come and see me upward trend, his air was distinctly miloff. I hate people to do that. And when the large in the man beside her the man beside her to be head held a commission in a cavity. I had no time to go round before he had held a commission in a cavity. I had no time to go round before he had held a commission in a cavity. I had no time to go round before he had held a commission in a cavity. I had no time to go round before allow and allowed the her the had held a commission in a cavity. I had no time to go round before allowed the her the had held a commission in a cavity. I had no time to go round before allowed the her the head held a commission in a cavity.

"Very well," replied his sister. "But—" shire and up in the Highlands. But what?"

Though now possessor of a fine old English home and a seventeenth century cas"No."

"The Pauper of Park
"I know, I know," she said. "Have you been to his house in Park Lane lately?"
"I was there this morning, but only for five minutes. He gave me some instructions about a call I had to make in the city."

The Pauper of Park

Season.

Agents were frequently making tempting offers to him to let the place to certain wealthy Americans, but he refused all inducements. The fire old place he

"He pretends to be nothing," laughed shooting now. her brother. "Old Sam is a millionaire, and millionaires need no pretense. He could buy up this show twice over, and indeed reassuring what you tell me re-"Ah! You mean the secret lover—the then leave a million for the death duttes. You've taken a prejudice against him." You have surely had sufficient internal "A woman's prejudice-which often is troubles of late."

petes with Whiteley's and Harrod's for like your going to Servia under his righter day has dawned for us. Under

stout, middle-aged woman who was head responsible position, as his confidential and confidence, he added with only a

"I've never believed them, although here for over a year now."

"And the lover?" asked the buyer, with a glance across the long, square room where autumn costumes of every descrip.

It we never believed them, although they are, of course, curious. Yet you must remember that every man of great must remember that every man of great wealth has mysterious stories put about by his enemies. Every man and every lishman's reply, though somewhat surtion were displayed upon stands, or hanging by the hundred in long rows, while "But you've admitted yourself that manner."

"Why? I've been before, when you've "Well?" asked

"Yes, I know," he answered, impatient-

Marion smiled. His anxiety that she

He was not himself. Of that she was of men, and one of the most trusted of convinced. To her, ever since her father's erably surprised. while Mr. Warner and Miss Thomas than he had been, yet of late she had no-voted. were speaking, a smart-looking, fair-haired, fair-mustached young man of about twenty-five, in frock coat and silk hat, entered, and, walking up to the little from her facts which, with her woman's "But she's too young the afterward discovery the

obese ladies who were examining a cos- prise. "And he's in love with Maud. Are in the direction of the square.

### CHAPTER II.

Concerns a Silent Secret.

That same afternoon, while Charlie Rolfe was bidding farewell to his sister "Of course I have," was his quick re- Marion, Max Barclay was sitting in the go she cosy study of one of the smaller houses

The well-furnished room was the typiis a bit eccentric, and doesn't care for cal den of a studious man, as its owner people prying all over his house. He that I love you. He isn't blind," said really was, for about it was an air of lives alone, and has no friends. Do you Charlie Rolfe, moving slowly along at ed that her brother, to whom she was really was, for about it was an air of "Yes. We have some mining interests and old where the elder man was lying back in It is a perfect Sahara to those who are Hers was, indeed, 2 face that would at-Sam suddenly decided to send me out to his leather easy chair were scattered

But do take care of yourself, Charlie." lish nostrils—that pleasant aroma peculiar

"I've heard that it's an un- The younger man, dressed in well-fitting, dark gray flannels, his long legs Why, that's quite a fallacy, sprawled out as he lay back in his chair you see dear old that, tell him that I'm lore he had held a commission in a cav-sorry I had no time to go round before alry regiment, but had resigned on ac-leaving. I've just telephoned, and his man says he won't be back till 7. That will be too late for me."

In St. Ja of late, walks to consequent succession to the wide and will be too late for me."

Max th

Max thought for a moment. "Does she know that you are aware of alike removed from sloventiness and top-I feel-well, I feel that you are going to the in Scotland, Max Barclay preferred

a place where an accident might happen to divide his time between his chambers in Dover street and wandering about the Continent. There was time enough to "Well?"

"Settle down," he always declared. Besides, both the houses were too big and
too gloomy to suit his rather simple bachthat man."

ity."

all inducements. The fine old place between Crieff and Perth had never been some other work as secretary. I don't let during his father's lifetime, and he like him. He isn't what he pretends to be; I'm sure he isn't."

"My dear Petrovitch," he was saying pishly

nington's, in Oxford street, that huge all a bad old fellow."

store which, as everybody knows, com"Well, I tell you frankly, I don't half later; and now, heaven be dawned for its Under charlie Rolfe laughed aloud.

"My dear Marion, of what are you apcosty-five, who was an expert in ladies' costumes, and twice yearly bought his stock personally in Paris and in Berlin, "Yes. She's a really nice girl, but I can't could me about the queer stories afloat regarding Samuel Statham and his house have been friends, my dear Max, you and the park Lane."

early."

Mr. Warner glanced across at the tall, fair-haired, handsome girl, whose figure showed to such advantage in her black satin gown. At that moment she was displaying a cheap tweed skirt to two middle-aged women. Her face, as he cannot remain and the his pleasant suavity middle-aged women. Her face, as he cannot remain and the mystery of his great man
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Mr. Warner glanced across at the tall, fair-haired, handsome girl, whose figure showed to such advantage in her black was herself could not the something had occurred. What his majesty was constantly urging him to return and accept the portfolio of finance or of commerce. But he steadily down that something had occurred. What his majesty was constantly urging him to return and accept the portfolio of finance or of commerce. But he steadily down that something had occurred. What his majesty was constantly urging him to return and accept the portfolio of finance or of commerce. But he steadily out.

"No, I don't," was the ex-minister's plain, determined answer. "And to tell you the truth, I have other views regarding his him to return and accept the portfolio of finance or of commerce. But he steadily ont that something had occurred. What him, "Max said, openly, for he could not him, "Max said, openly, for he could not like.

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Why she had taken such a vigil to see from his friend's expression that something had occurred. What him, "Ant I see now that middle-aged women. Her face, as he caught its profile, was very soft and repast, and the mystery of his great manhim more than his own sovereign, yet for man whatever you think proper. Only request him neither to call here, nor to fined, the contour of her cheeks perfect, and the stray wisp of hair across the brow gave a softness to her countenance Several customers were waiting to be served, and Marion saw Mr. Warner's bickerings in the Servian Skuptschina. He was a man of even temper,

whose photograph was displayed in the shop windows was not half so beautiful as the demure, hard-working shop assistant, Marion Rolfe.

The air of mystery surrounding her, Mr. Warner found interesting, and the love romance now in progress he intended to watch. Toward his assistants, he was al-

Maud."

"About Maud. Well?" am worried about the child-a good deal.

"For what reason?" asked Max, consid-

"Well, she has fallen in love." "All girls do sooner or later," replied "But she's too young yet-far too young. keen intelligence, she afterward discov- Twenty-five is quite early enough for a girl to marry.'

"And who's the man?" "Your friend-Charlie Rolfe." "Charlie!" he exclaimed, in great sur-

not inform his friend of his love for

"What is his exact position?" "As far as I know, he is private secretary to old Samuel Statham, the great is," refinancier. His position is quite a good round. one-as far as confidential secretaryships

"Statham! I've heard of him. There's in Cromwell road, smoking cigarettes some extraordinary story about his house less." and to say good-by. Old Sam Statham is sending me out to Servia. He only told bearded man whose cast of features at "The let I bear in the result of the res "There is, I believe, some cock-and-bull

friendless.'

you introduced him to me last year at ure, every quiet, graceful movement told Alx-les-Bains. From the very first I no Dairly of her culture and are sufficient and reference of the control of the culture and reference o ightful the people are. Servia is entirely men, with lithe, clean-cut limbs, smart and well-groomed, with closely-cropped dark hair, a pair of merry dark eyes, by the mail from Charing Cross," and a small dark mustache which had an are replied. "But don't come and see me unward trend his air was distinctly mile." In St. James' Park, and at other places affection he was whispering into her ear of late, and they have gone for long as they went along the quiet, deserted walks together without my knowledge or street, she perceived how tall and ath-

"No." she said at last, her eyes gazing "Well, I must admit that I had no idea in abstraction in front of her. "I don't

"If he were to discontinue his visits laughter.

to your daughter?"

introducing him. I regret it now, and passion was recan only hope you will forgive me such become lovers an indiscretion.

that if I can serve you in any way you an adequate one, but not sufficient to pro-

And if he does not? If it is, as I sus-ect, a mere flirtation—what then?" Fopstone road they continued round the pect, a mere flirtation—what then?"

"Then I think you should leave the matter to me, to act with my discretion," young Barclay replied. He recollected that Charlie was Marion's brother, and he saw himself already in a somewhat difficult resition. "My own idea is," he went slowly on in the falling gloom. saleswoman of the department, as she stood in the small, glass-partitioned office of the buyer, a pleasant-faced man of the buyer b

ion let drop the other day."
"Ah! Marion is a sweet and charming

when he recollected how very easily she might leave that shop life if she would only accept money from him. But how could she? How could he offer it to her could she offer it

### CHAPTER III.

"Well?" asked Max, after a long silence.

There is a silence and monotony in the aminently respectable thoroughfares in darling."

"I have no desire to leave you, my own darling." he declared, looking straight that particular district that, to their residence into her beautiful face. "But the mission there is none save a stray hansom or a tradesman's cart at long intervals, while it is already nearly 7-only two hours! street organs, and even the muffin men. And those two remaining hours I canno avoid them, because, unlike the poorer spend with you, for I must be in to din districts, they find no stray coppers and ner at 7. I must leave you in a moment,

o'clock, just as the red, dusky after- pressed by her utter loneliness-impress But there was not a soul. Indeed, there the dull, drab London street. It struck was no sound beyond that of a distant him that it felt like a grave.

"Why, certainly, Mr. Rolfe," was the good-humored reply, as Miss Thomas went away to serve a customer. "It's against our rules, as you know, but for my own part I can never see why a young lady need be debarred from speaking to lady need be debarred from speaking to lady need be debarred from speaking to "Cand he's in love with Maud. Are you quite sure of this?"

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dy need be debarred from speaking to departed from speaking to er own brother."

"You're always very good, Mr. Warer," responded the young man "and cares to Mr. Warner, strode out of the straight and tell you?"

"I am not surprised. Secret affections never meet with a parent's approbation. It Charlie is in love with her, and the asked with a smile. "I am not surprised. Secret affections never meet with a parent's approbation. It Charlie is in love with her, and the pity of his strong, tender nature across to Mr. Warner, strode out of the straight and tell you?"

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"Very," was Max's reply, though he did direly unsuspicious. I was with him last when we shall meet again—how—how—" night, and he did not strike me as pos- And, unable to further restrain her emosessing any knowledge of these secret tion, she burst into tears.

meetings of ours."

He was silent. What, indeed, could he

"Yes, but you know how dangerous it is," replied the pretty girl, glancing round. "Somebody might pass, recognize me, and tell dad." "And what then, dearest?" he laughed. "Why, your fears are utterly ground- creased insensibly ever since that well-

"But what?" all-annoyed with both of us." for "He must already have seen, darling that I love you. He isn't blind," said

make certain inquiries. I shall be away some newspapers with headings in unamnth or two. I daresay, as I have to familiar type—the Greek alphabet.

"Yes," said Petrovitch, huskily. "I know it by experience myself. When I was a formular was a youth I lived here. I was a formular was well dressed, her narrow-waisted. go to see a new mine in the course of The air was thick with cigarette smoke, preparation down on the banks of the giving forth an aroma unusual to Eng
City, and I lived perfectly alone—among cult-colored cloth, which, in its refined science. What would she called the reactive to the control of the cont city, and I lived perfectly alone—among cult-colored cloth, which, in its refined science. What would she thin all these millions. I remember it all as though it were only yesterday. I was indeed glad to get back to Servia."

a horrible reflection—a quality science. What would she thin tour of the slender form and contrasted admirably with the soft white skin; the carnest effort to cheer her. simplicity, suited well the graceful contour of the slender form and contrasted admirably with the soft white skin; the dark hair, a stray coquettish little wisp dark hair, a stray coquettish little wisp turn very soon. Be brave, and remember turn very soon. Be brave, and remember turn very soon. deed giad to get back to Servia.

"But why are you worried about Maud, dark hair, a stray coquettish little wispold fellow?" Max asked. "Don't you like of which fell across her brow beneath that my every thought is of you always that my every thought is of you always and oldered at the dark brown. Rolfe-or what?"

"I like him very much; indeed, I took a great fancy fo the young fellow when Her gaze met his. Every sensitive feat-

> leric he was, and noticed, woman-like, the masculine perfection of his dress,

pery.
"No," she said at last, her eyes gazing

matters had gone so far as they evidently suppose dad is in any way blind. He heither his sister nor his well-beloved have," he said. "I, of course, knew that generally is too wide-awake. I have to he has greatly admired Maud from the make all sorts of excuses to get out he has greatly admired Maud from the very first. He was, in fact, always speaking of her in admiration, yet I believed that he did not consider his position to be sufficiently established in warranting him to declare his love to her. Shall I throw out a gentle hint to him that the secret meetings would be best discontinued?"

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"An dearest, a woman can always find some excuse," he remarked, joining in her law try and bring her to the station, if possible. Does she know you are going?" asked the girl.

"Oh, yes, But I particularly asked her not to see me off."

"In order that I might come alone. Oh! how very good of you, Charlie!"

"No. Forgive me for saving so, but like a woman can always find the subterfuges."

"If is were to discontinue his visits here altogether it would, I think, be best," said Petrovitch, in a hard voice, quite unusual to him.

Max was surprised at this. Had any unpleasantness occurred between the two men, which his friend was concealing, knowing that Rolfe was his most intimate chum?

"Does he come often?"

"He calls about once a week—upon me, ostensibly, but really in excuse to see the child."

"And now—let us speak frankly, old fellow," Max said, bending slightly toward the man seated opposite him. "Do you object to Rolfe paying his attentions of the content of the co

For three months he had existed in constant uncertainty, until one warm evening at Scarberough-where she and her "Then I very much regret that I ever father were staying at the Grand-while introduced him. We were together at Aix-les-Bains for three weeks last summer, and as you know, we met. You were my old friend, and I could not help to his overwhelming joy found that his after—after—"

Introduced him. We were together at they were staying at the Grand—white they were alone together in the sloping know—never as long as I have breath. I love her—love her better than my life—and she is mine. Yet—yet how can 1, after—after—" passion was reciprocated. Thus had they

As Max rightly guessed, he had feared "It was not indiscreet at all-only unfor the present to tell Dr. Petrovitch the
fortunate," he answered, almost snaptruth lest he should object and a parting
terrible. be the result. His position was not what "But tell me straight out-what do you he wished it to be. As secretary to the wish me to do?" Max urged. "Recollect eccentric old financier, his salary was that if I can serve you in any way you have only to command me."

"Even at the expense of your friend's happiness?" asked Petrovitch, his sharp eyes fixed upon the young men.

"If he really loves her, the circumstances of the case are altered," was the diplomatic answer.

"And if he does not? If it is, as I sus-

ask your consent to be allowed to pay court to your daughter."

"What makes you think so?"

"From some words that his sister Mar
"Secretal meetings is because I ticularly this evening, because I in London to-night for Servia."

"For Servia?" she cried, ha fixing her great eyes upon his surprise. fixing her great eyes upon his in quick prominent part in the war with Spain and

I know, that you will regard what I say in entire confidence."

"Most certainly," was the young Euglishman's reply, though somewhat surprised at his friend's sudden change of manner.

It was true that he had known Dr. It was true that he had known Dr. Michael Petrovitch for quite a number of years.

Long ago, when he had first visited Bel
"Ah! Marion is a sweet and charming girl." the elder man declared. "What a pity she should be compelled to drudge in a shop!"

"Yes," replied Max. quickly. "It is a thousand pitles. She's far too refined and good for that life."

"A matter of unfortunate necessity, I suppose."

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"Ah! Marion is a sweet and charming girl." the elder man declared. "What a pity she should be compelled to drudge in a shop!"

"It is imperative, my darling." he said, in a low, tender voice, taking her hand in his. He wished to kiss her sweet lips, but there in the open street such action was impossible. Courtship in our grimy, matter of unfortunate necessity, I suppose."

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"And the countenance fell.

"Then you—you are leaving me?"

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Mrs. Huntley is the widow of a former there in the open street such action was impossible. Courtship in our grimy, matter of unfortunate necessity, I suppose."

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you know, and I think that may be the reasen he does not care to return," replied the girl. "Why are you going she asked. "On a mission for Statham-regarding a

"Your train leaves at 9," she said, "and

of Mr. Cunnington's advisers. Those in his department were envised by all the other seven hundred-odd assistants in the other seven hundred-odd assistants i giow was deepening into twilight, Charlie ed, too, without knowing it by the time Rolfe emerged from Earl's Court station and place. The twilight of the short walked along to the corner of Fopstone evening was gathering fast. A cold, damp road, and, halting, looked eagerly down it feeling was mingled with the silence of

cab whistle somewhere in Nevern Square.

For about five minutes he waited, glancing impatiently at his watch, and then turning upon his heel, strolled along in the direction of the square.

A slight nervous trembling came over his well-beloved, and a weary little sigh escaped her lips.

That sigh of hers receiled him to a sense of her distress at his departure, and the force that met have the force that met have a sense of her distress at his departure.

"Exactly my argument," declared Peoften."

"I hope to goodness Marion doesn't trovitch, lighting a fresh cigarette with come," he muttered to himself. "Women the end of one half consumed." "But tell his hat and taking her small gloved hand. hoarsely, tears springing to her eyes. "Is indnesses you've shown to Marion.

"I hope to goodness Marion doesn't come," he muttered to himself. "Women tolfe," Warner said. "Your sister is an are so infernally inquisitive. And if she me, Rolfe is an intimate friend of yours, when we shall meet again—how—how—"

Reflections, considerations, possibilities

crowded in upon his mind, already dis-turbed and perplexed. The sweetness of the hours passed in her society had inremembered afternoon in Aix; the tones of her voice, the notes of those melodious old Servian songs she so often sang, her "Well, dad would be annoyed-that's slightest action held a charm for him such as his earnest nature had never ex-And they must part. Within himself he doubted whether

they would ever meet again. He had secret fears-fears of something that was tract attention anywhere, oval, delicately in progress-something that might en-molded, slightly flushed by the momentary tirely change his life-something he held. District of Columbia Code, amended Jun secret from her.
But he put the thought away. It was

"Forgive you! Of course I do, sweet-

His argument decided her, and she slow-"I only wish I could go to Charing Cross to see you off. But an hour ago I telephoned to your sister Marion to come Amount and character of business and dine with us, and go with me to a concert at Queen's Hall." "And she accepted?" he asked, quickly,

almost breathlessly. Rolfe gave a sigh of relief. At any rate | ROBT. G. HAZELDINE, Secretary,

"No. Forgive me for saying so, but like a good many men who travel a lot I

And he sighed deeply without concluding the sentence, while his face went ashen pale at the thought which again

TO BE CONTINUED TO-MORROW.

# CUPID ENTRAPS GEN. YOUNG

Distinguished Soldier Will Wed in Chicago This Month.

Prospective Bride Is Mrs. Huntley, of Helena, Mont., Widow of Former Friend of the General.

Lieut. Gen. Samuel Baldwin Marks Young, who, after distinguished services she cried, halting and in the civil and Indian wars, took such a prominent part in the war with Spain and saw service in the Philippines, and who became chief of staff in August, 1903, retiring on January 9, 1904, will be married became chief of staff in August, 1903, re-tiring on January 9, 1904, will be married

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1835 Samuel Blackburn died, an officer of the Rev-Sames Blackourn med, an omore of the ger-olution and for many years a conspicuous mem-ber of the Virginia legislature. At his death he liberated his slaves, forty-six in number, charg-ing his estate with the expense of transporting them to Läberia.

Staunton and Corlottesville.

Congress adopts a national bankruptcy bill and

establishes a department of education. Henry Barnard, LL. D., president of St. John's Col-lege. Annapolis. Md., appointed and confirmed Commissioner of Education. 1905—Aldrich currency bill killed in the Senate. 1905—Ministers friendly to Mayor Weaver, of Phila-907-Fred. A. Busse nominated unanimously for

mayor of Chicago by most harmonious Republican convention ever held in Chicago, INSURANCE STATEMENTS. STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company,

Of Hartford, Conn.

On the 31st day of December, 1907, as required under District of Columbia Code, amended June 30, 1902. 2,565,523 00 Interest due and accrued... Reserve as required by law. Amount and character of business acted during the year 1907—Steam by Losses sustained during the year 1907. Money received during the year 1907. Expended during the year 1907......

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of January, 1908. L. F. MIDDLEBROOK. Notary Public. STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Philadelphia Casualty Insurance

Company, Capital stock paid up, in cash.

Premiums uncollected and in agents

Interest due and accrued...... 8,642 75 4,430-33 heart; only do not cry, or they will certainly suspect something when you sit Net unpaid claims. LIABILITIES. R. B. ARMSTRONG, President.

## INSURANCE STATEMENTS.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Corcoran Fire Insurance Company, Of the District of Columbia District of Columbia Code, amended June 30, 1902 Capital stock. 64,172 44 166 176 49

WILLIAM E. EDMONSTON. (Signed) (Signed) L. R. PEAK, Secretary, Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of February, 1998. (Signed) F. H. RIDGWAY, Notary Public, D. C.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Great Eastern Casualty and In-

demnity Company, Of New York On the 31st lay of December, 1907, as required under District of Columbia Code, amended June 30, 1902.

362,359 38 terest due and accrued ... LIABILITIES deinsurance premiums....... Commissions, brokerage, &c....

THOMAS H. DARLING, Secretary Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of January, 1908. CAROLINE D. PLAGE, Notary Public, Kings County. Certificate Filed in New York County. ROSENBERG & CO., General Agents

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Northern Insurance Company, Of New York,

801,300 00 75,686 67 .\$704,800 59 .\$301,348 85 

Commissioner for the District of Columbia in New York. STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION

JAMES MARSHALL, Sec

OF THE London Assurance Corporation, Of the Kingdom of Great Britain, On the 31st day of December, 1907, as rec Cash in benk... Stocks and bonds (market value)..... Premiums uncollected and in hands of 2,226,019 38 434,621 63

teserve as required by law .. Reinsurance premiums.
Salaries, rents, expenses, taxes, &c.
Commissions, brokerage, &c. Return premiums ... Amount and character of hus Expended during the year 1900

Notary Public, New York County. STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION

Of Pittsburg, Pa. District of Columbia Code, amended June 30, 1902. 1,005,888 06 Cash in bank.
Real cstate.
Bonds and mortgages (first lien on real 6,823 66 499,825 00 102,569 24 Stocks and bonds (market value) 1.161,768 28 Interest due and accrued.
All other assets: Agents' balances.
Collateral loans.
Furniture and fixtures. L B. BROWNING. 6,500 00

> WM. H. GRAHAM, Vice President.
>
> G. W. EISENBEIS, Acting Secretary,
> Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day
>
> f February, 1908.
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> (Sept.) f February, 1908. (Seal.) JAS. N. BEBOUT, Notary Public. My commission expires January 16, 1939.

OF THE 5300,000 to Hamburg-Bremen Fire Insurance Company of Hamburg, Germany, On the 31st day of December, 1907, as required und District of Columbia Code, amended June 30, 1902.

88,530 00 Cash in office... 541,011 46 Cash in bank. LIABILITIES

F. O. AFFELD. Manager United States Branch.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22th day of JOS. C. MANEELY.

LIABILITIES. 

\$105,976 02 Net unpaid claims
317,340 15 Commissions, brokerage, &c...
655 71 All other liabilities, surplus... January, 1906. (Seal.)

1,954 67

CHARLES L. CASE, Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day

Central Accident Insurance Com-

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION

Interest due and accrued...